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Report of the Commissioners on the Jail

The recapitulation of the suggestions made by the commissioners on the jail system, which we published some days since, the same having been transmitted to us, by telegraph, has awakened a good deal of interest in the public mind. We now make copious extracts from the text of the report with an abstract of the least important portions.

The Commissioners find the State's Prison all they could desire, except that there is no provision for the secular or religious instruction of its inmates. After recommending that this defect be remedied they pass directly to

the subject of jails, assuming in the outset the doctrine held to be heretical in some quarters—that punishment is primarily for the reformation of persons upon whom it is inflicted in the prevention of crime—that it is not a remedial and not a retaliatory. They then consider the subject of the

THE CAUSE OF CRIME,

and here we quote directly from their report:

To determine the action to be taken to prevent crime, requires a knowledge of the causes which lead to its commission, that we may be enabled to remove those causes, and thus to diminish how far these are removable, and to be enabled of being circumvented by legislation.

If by interrogating the present inmates of our jails we can learn the reason of their crimes, we can be safely assumed that these same causes can be removed, and thus the supply of criminals, if their continued operation is permitted to go on unchecked by ac-

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or previously intemperate habits; nor should we be surprised to find the percentage large of those who have been frequent visitors at "her house" which "is the way to death, going down to the chambers of hell," and who examine the returns of those institutions created for the purpose of restraining and reforming intemperate offenders, not confining ourselves to our own officers, but taking the statistics throughout the United States, we are taught the same lesson as to the cause of the early divergence from the paths of virtue. The aggregate number of their inmates in 1868 was 7,963; and the average age a trifle less than thirteen years. Of them about

The figures to which we have called attention direct us to five prolific sources of crime—lack of material power, of mental culture, of moral culture, of physical culture, and of social culture. It is to be observed that most of the criminals

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children in our factories. And this important question should not be left to the discretion of the towns but should be decided (as those things too frequently are which are the subject in particular), but it is a duty imposed upon legislators too important to be delegated.

If a man threatens an assault upon the person of a fellow citizen or the destruction of five dollars worth of property he may be arrested, ordered to give bonds to keep the peace and be of good behavior, and failing to do so he may be committed to prison. Ignorance and youthful depravity in a man is a perpetual menace to society—assaulting its very foundations and invading its dearest rights.

We have the right to compel enlightenment; and if confinement and discipline become necessary to enforce the reception of in-

WANT OF A THADE.

Not only is the unlettered condition of a large portion of our people shameful, and a reproach to us, but the figures also indicate a dangerous ignorance of any proper and rational means of securing the well-being of the race. The percentage is of those confined in our jails who are uneducated with any useful handicraft we do not know; but finding that it is about 75 per cent, in the State of New York, and seventy-four per cent in those of Ohio, while it is ninety-seven per cent. of all the State prisoners in the country, we shall not wonder that in these quarters, the walls of our county jails prisoners are destitute of a trade.

To the prisoners at Thomaston, the trade of leather is of great importance, as it allows them to earn money, and frequently it is the only way of earning an honest livelihood after leaving the State Prison.

to those confined in our county jails, nor is it a useful occupation provided for them; but one that has transmitted the "revolving absurdity of withholding a priceless boon from the lessens criminal to confer it upon the greater."

THE GREAT DEFECT IS WANT OF LABORATORY IN OUR JAILS.

We do not hesitate to affirm that the greatest overshadowing defect of our jail system, is the want of suitable occupation for the prisoners; upon society, to lighten the burden they impose; upon society, to teach that is worthy of consideration, is secondary to the chief aim of protecting the community by the reformation of the offender. Combined with other proper surroundings and teachings it is demonstrable

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CITY AND VICINITY.
Our advertising notices are requested to send

in their copy as early in the day as possible. Advertisements to appear Monday morning should be sent in Saturday, (not Sunday.)

Free Religious Notices must be sent in at least early as Friday noon.

New Advertisements To-Day.

ENTERTAINMENT COLUMN.

Portland Band Concert... Lancaster Hall.
Masquerade Ball... Lancaster Hall.
Valentine Entertainment... (Feb 11-12)

NEW ADVERTISEMENT COLUMN.

Allan Steamship Company.
State of Maine... F. M. Brew
Portland Insurance Company... W. D. Little
Portland Theatre... Duprez & Benders.
New York Insurance Co... W. F. Morrill,
Sheriff's Sale... E. N. Perry, Sheriff,
"Elas Howe"... Plummer and Wilder.
Schooner for Rockland.
House for Sale... W. H. Jerrie.
City of Portland... H. I. Robinson.

Superior Clerks.

CIVIL TERM—GODDARD, J., PRESIDING.
The following assignment of jury trials has been made by the Judge for the week:

MONDAY, FEB. 13.
341—Kelley & al. vs. Willard. 1
265—Morrill vs. Cushman & als.
TUESDAY, FEB. 14.
178—Smith & al. vs. Ward.
THURSDAY, FEB. 16.
107—Wright & al. vs. Roach.

Bar Meeting.
A special meeting of the Cumberland Bar will be held this afternoon at 3 o'clock at the Library.
JOSEPH HOWARD, President.

Municipal Court.
JUDGE MORRIS PRESIDING.

SATURDAY—State vs. Murdock McMillan and Wm. Little. Intoxication and disturbance. Plea entered guilty. McMillan paid \$4 and costs. Little was committed to county jail for thirty days in default of bail.

State vs. Geo. Johnson—Larceny. Pleaded guilty. Committed to jail for thirty days. This Johnson was a large boy, past 16 years old, who has been committing a great deal of mischief in his neighborhood, the only thing that could be fastened on him was the stealing of hens.

State vs. Sullivan—Search and seizure. Fined \$5 and costs. Appealed to May term of Superior Court.

Brief Justice.

H. J. Murray, Esq., has been re-appointed
H. B. M. Consul at this port.

The weather Saturday was delightful, and
although the sleighing was not extraordinary,
yet every one that could enjoyed it to the full.

The race course from the head of High street
to Libby's Corner—on Congress street—was
thronged with elegant sleighs, fast horses,
pretty women, attentive beaux and sports.

Our fellow townsman, W. W. Thomas

Our fellow townsman W. W. Knudsen, pleased the citizens of Augusta very much with his entertaining lecture on "A ramble through Norway."

Ocean ex-4's will give an elegant masquerade party next Wednesday evening.

We are informed that Joseph Baker, esq., of the well known firm of Arnold, Constable & Co., of New York—formerly of this city—made the magnificent gift of \$250 to the female

Thermometer was 7 deg. above yesterday morning at 9 o'clock, with wind NE, and began to snow about 11 a. m.

Ex-Gov. Chamberlain will lecture in Brighton on Wednesday.

Rev. James De Normandie delivered a fast sermon at the First Parish Church in this city yesterday, taking his text from Acts, 26th chapter.

19th verse, "I was not [disobedient unto
vision."

Rev. Dr. D. M. Graham, formerly pastor
Casco street Church in this city, now of Chi-
go, has accepted a call from the West street
Free Baptist Church at Taunton, Mass.

There is considerable opposition to the na-
me of "Deering," for the new town formed by
division of Westbrook, and a meeting was
held on Sunday, Saturday evening to

BOARD OF TRADE.—At the first meeting of the new Board of Managers, held at 11 o'clock Saturday morning, the organization was completed by the appointment of the following standing committees for the ensuing year:

Railroads and Steamboats: T. C. Hersey;

Arbitration—A. K. Shurtleff, John D. Le Henry Fox, Charles B. Varney, George Woodman.

The following gentlemen were nominated Directors of the Merchants' Exchange, subject to the ratification of the subscribers at the annual meeting next month:—T. C. Hersey, K. Shurtleff, George S. Hunt, Francis

The terms of subscription to the Exchange for the coming year were fixed at \$6 for individuals and \$10 for firms, the same as last year. Messrs. T. C. Hersey, William W. Thomas, Cram, S. E. Spring and M. N. Rich were appointed a committee to take into consideration the subject of better and permanent accommodations for the Merchants' Exchange, suitable drawing rooms and offices for

HAYDN ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting of the Haydn Association was held at Mechanics' Library Room on Friday evening last. There was a very good attendance. The

lowing officers were elected for the ensuing year: President, A. M. Smith; Vice President, M. N. Rich; Treasurer, P. W. Neal; Secretary, Frederick H. Cloyes; Librarian, H. S. Lowell; First Conductor, H. Kotschmar; Second Conductor, Samuel Thurston; Pianist, Lizzie W. Dyer; Investigating Committee, L. Shaw, C. G. Richards, Frank Noyes, M. H. N. Wetherbee, William Allen.

A vote of thanks was extended to the

retiring President Abner Lowell, Esq., for the able manner with which he has conducted affairs, and to Miss Lizzie Dyer for her able accompaniments. Two assistant librarians were elected, Messrs. C. H. Harlow and W. D. Thompson, and the librarian announced that the society now possesses a valuable collection of oratorio and other music. The receipts of money from all sources to date are \$10.00, and the balance of the last year here being \$733.80, and the society

ness nothing. The number of members is 33 and the average attendance 150. A trial questionette was raised for the trial of new voices, and here we would say that no new members were admitted to the Association who have not received considerable instruction in music, and unless their voices should be above the average standard of excellence. It was voted that members that do not pay their annual dues

DEMOCRATIC CLUB.—The Democrats of the city met at Old City Hall Saturday evening and organized a club for the purposes of the

The meeting was called to order by Mr. E. J. Carter, when Mr. W. H. Walker, chairman of the above named committee, reported the names of the following gentlemen who were unanimously elected as officers of the club: President—William H. Clifford.

Vice Presidents—Wards 1, William Curtis; 2, Jas. Quinn; 3, William G. Davis; 4, Charles H. Flinn; 5, A. K. Shurtlee; 6, A. W. Brubury; 7, Charles B. Varney.

Secretary—George L. Sewt.

Treasurer—Thomas Means.

Upon taking the chair Mr. Clifford made a sensible little speech, declaring that organization and work alone vindicate the purpose of the Democracy of Portland, and that with these the city can be carried, as it has been, to the top of the world.

Upon motion of Mr. Charles P. Kimball the officers of the club were constituted as an Executive Committee for all campaign purposes and after several short speeches by various gentlemen the club adjourned.

given at City Hall, which we expect to see filled on the occasion. The performers will be Shaw's Quintette Club, who are now so well known by our citizens that comment is unnecessary. We believe that our home talent will be well supported by our citizens, especially when it is composed of the excellent quality to be found in this club, who have never failed to please in the many concerts they have given.

and further when a course of concerts is offered at so low a price as this. Only one dollar for reserved seat for the course, thirty cents for single concert, or twenty cents for admission.

VALENTINE ENTERTAINMENT.—Iron Clad Lodge, assisted by Atlantic Lodge, I. O. G. T., will give a public entertainment at Iron Clad Hall (West End) to-morrow evening. We advise our readers to go early for the hall will be filled to overflowing. Seats at 25 cents.

be kind to overflowing. See advertisement.

Argument for the Libellant, Concluded

an afternoon by an open window or under an overhanging balcony. Neighbors gathered in little groups at each other's homes, and at this defendant's among the rest. "Now you must explain that this house was on Gen. Elmer's way to the front—that at most of the times he would call there—at all except when he called for a moment to leave a book or a hand-

to, after this time which Statira Miller testified to be the 30th of April; in May, 1890, Miss Maria Miller was said to have received this passport and was in the society of this gentleman, that they became "how of ill-repute intimacy with their sister-in-law, nearly six months after the time these papers were signed. If they believed that they were saying in what they say upon the stand would such have been their course of liquor gets drunk so often, so frequently that it becomes a habit with him, then he is a drunkard; he is a common and habitual drunkard, for the terms mean precisely the same thing. The very definition of a drunkard is one who habitually gets drunk. The phrase common and habitual drunkard is itself a definition, and I know of no words in the English language or any phrase which

The very purpose of founding a cause of discord is to create a quarrel upon it. She might herself as provoke on by her improper conduct as to bring upon herself acts of violence for the purpose of settling up these acts of violence as a ground of satire. And in such a case, if you were satisfied that such were the case, you would de-

100 lbs.; Orinoco at 25 c. Wool 100 lbs. 25 c.
 Sugar, sales 1,075,000 lbs. Domestic fleece 45 c.
 pulled 41 c. Mohair 50 c. Sugar, request 100
 lbs. New Orleans at 25 c. Sugar, moderate,
 220 lbs.; Cuba at 91 c. Coffee firm; sales
 100 lbs. 17 c.

The *Paradise* is in good order and will be
 sold in lots to suit.

E. O. BAILEY & CO., Auctioneers.

